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### COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT, Divisional, Continuation or C-I-P Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

#### IMPROVED FINISHING FOR FLOOR COVERING

This declaration is of the following type:

- Original
- Design
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- Continuation
- continuation-in-part (C-I-P)

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b), or (c))

- (a)  is attached hereto.
- (b)  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on (if applicable).
- (c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. filed on and was amended on (if applicable).

#### Acknowledgement of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

- In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98.

#### Priority Claim

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed

(complete (d) or (e))

- (d)  no such applications have been filed.
- (e)  such applications have been filed as follows:

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION				
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
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**Claim for Benefit of Prior U.S. Provisional Application(s)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Provisional Application Number	Filing Date

**Claim for Benefit of Earlier U.S./PCT Application(s) under 35 U.S.C. 120**  
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(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
PCT/GB03/02581	16 June 2003	

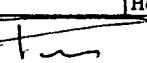
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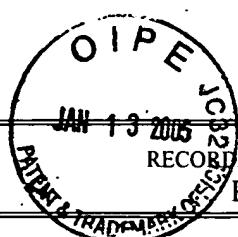
As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Bradley B. Geist, Reg. No. 27,551; Robert C. Scheinfeld, Reg. No. 31,300; Rochelle K. Seide Reg. No. 32,300; Gary M. Butter, Reg. No. 33,841; Lisa B. Kole, Reg. No. 35,225; Neil P. Sirota, Reg. No. 38,306; and Paul A. Ragusa, Reg. No. 38,587 of the firm of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P., with offices at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112, as attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith

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Execution Date: December 13, 2004

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City: Hertfordshire State: Zip: SG6 1NW

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s) To be assigned (National Phase of PCT/GB03/02581), filed December 7, 2004.

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B. Patent No.(s)

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$ 40.00

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*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing instrumentation is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*

Paul A. Ragusa

Name of Person Signing

January 4, 2005

Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, DONALD PAUL GARDNER, a citizen of Great Britain, whose post office addresses is 8 Hampden Hill, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 7JT, Great Britain, have made an invention entitled IMPROVED FINISHING FOR FLOOR COVERING, as set forth and described in patent application; and

WHEREAS, ALTRO LIMITED, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Great Britain, and having an office for the transaction of business at Works Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire SG6 1NW, Great Britain, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that I, the said DONALD PAUL GARDNER, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to me in hand paid by said ALTRO LIMITED, and other valuable considerations unto me moving from said ALTRO LIMITED, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said ALTRO LIMITED, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "IMPROVED FINISHING FOR FLOOR COVERING" as set forth and described in the specification forming a part of the application for Letter Patent of the United States, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements, including all priority rights under the Paris Convention, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

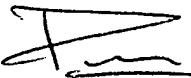
AND I, the said DONALD PAUL GARDNER, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said ALTRO LIMITED, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said ALTRO LIMITED, its successors and assigns;

AND I, the said DONALD PAUL GARDNER, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said ALTRO LIMITED, its successors and assigns, that I have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that I, my executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other docu-

ments which, in the opinion of counsel for said ALTRO LIMITED, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary to more effectively secure to and vest in said ALTRO LIMITED, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that I will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

Subscribed and executed at Letchworth  
(Place)

on 13/12/04.  
(Date)

  
DONALD PAUL GARDNER

Witness: REED T. ELLIOTT  
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